

NDSU General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2007

Members Present: Eric Asa, David Anderson, Elizabeth Birmingham, Michael Christoffers, Robert Harrold, Catherine Haugen, RaNelle Ingalls, Virginia Clark Johnson, Jae Min Jung, Margaret Lee, John Martin, Char Myhre, Larry Peterson, Megan Schimek, Robyne Williams, Kristi Wold-McCormick. Members Absent: None

1. Minutes from January 10, 2007 – Approved
2. Agenda – Approve
 - January 31st meeting update
 - Delinquent course letters - Larry has sent out
3. Student Petitions
 - a. Student #1 Transfer student from MSUM took 2 science classes, which did not offer co-req labs. To fulfill NDSU science credits is currently taking biology 150L and would like to substitute this class for science lab requirements. Bob moved to accept petition, Robyne 2nd, Committee discussed and approved petition.
 - b. Student #2 Needs a Cultural Diversity class to meet GE requirements, took a class at MSUM and would like this class to meet GE requirements. Robyne moved to accept petition, Char 2nd. Committee reviewed syllabus, discussed and voted. 6 in favor, 4 opposed. Petition passed.
 - c. Student #3 would like to be exempt from Wellness Gen Ed. Has one credit to transfer from another school. Wellness Gen Ed requires two. Bob moved to accept petition, Char 2nd, Committee discussed and voted to deny petition.

4. Standing Committee Reports

The Humanities, Fine Arts, Communications Subcommittee reported that they did not recommend PHIL 215: Contemporary Moral Issues for the Diversity Category until the following issues were addressed:

1) The catalogue description for the course, the syllabus, the student activities (exams, etc.) and the application materials need to clearly and explicitly address issues of cultural diversity. In the application material, this just seemed added on rather than integrated into the course.

2) The course readings need to offer more variety in terms of their perspectives, i.e., more non-white, non-Western male examples.

There were no reports from the other subcommittees.

5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports

- a. UNIV 189– RaNelle, Kate, Robyne. Kate gave update, meeting next Wednesday to go over results of survey. Bringing in people who analyzed survey.
- b. Vertical Writing – Betsy, Kristi – Presenting to Dean’s tomorrow, Chairs in February, sent out curriculum revision forms and brochure last week.
- c. Wellness and Basic Training – Bob and Kristi – no update

- d. Formative Assessment – Eric, Betsy, David, Jeff Gerst, Larry – no update
6. GE Website – Larry noted that the examples of 5 year reviews are outdated, they do not show rubrics, would like permission to pull. Committee approved. As committees continue with 5 year reviews, they should note good examples to put on web page.
7. Meetings – **please note changes* – Change meeting dates from 2nd and 4th Wednesday's to 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Also a room change due to size, Nelson 104 has been reserved for Spring. (possible to use EML 378, let Larry know if Nelson 104 does not work for you)

***Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 31st, 4 to 5 pm in Nelson 104,
(possible to use EML 378), this meeting is to hear results of UNIV 189 survey.**

Respectfully submitted, Sue Wolter